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## SELECT POETRY.

## THE WORM OF THE STILL.

I HAVE found what the learn'd seem so puzzled to tell,  
The true shape of the devil, and where is his hell;  
Into serpents of old, crept the author of ill,  
But Satan works now, as a worm of the still.

Of all his migrations, this last he likes best,  
How the arrogant reptile, here, raises his crest!  
His head winding up from the tail of his plan,  
Till the worm stands erect o'er the prostrated man.

Here he joys to transform, by his magical spell,  
The sweet milk of the earth to an essence of hell,  
Fermented our food and corrupted our grain,  
To famish the stomach and madden the brain.

By his water of life, what distraction and fear!  
By the gloom of its light, what pale spectres appear!  
A demon keeps time with his fiddle finance,  
While the passions spring forth in a horrible dance.

Then prone on the earth, they adore in the dust,  
A man's baser half, rais'd in room of his bust;  
Such orgies the nights of the drunkard display,  
But how black with ennui, how benighted his day!

With drams it begins, and with drams must it end,  
A dram is his country, his mistress, his friend;  
Till the ossify'd heart hates itself at the last,  
And the dram nerves his hand for the death-doing blast.

Mark that mother, that monster, that shame and  
that curse,  
See her child hang dead-drunk at the breast of its  
nurse;  
As it drops from the arm mark her stupify'd stare,  
Then she wakes with a yell and a shriek of despair.

Is this the civility promis'd our nation?  
This the union, dissolv'd in a cup of damnation,  
Which our chancellor Comus extols as divine,  
To train up our fate and our fortune, as swine.

Drink, Erin, drink deep from this crystalline round,  
Till the tortures of self-recollection be drown'd;  
Till the hopes of thy heart be all stiffen'd to stone,  
Then sit down on the dirt, like a queen on her throne.

No frenzy for freedom to flash o'er the brain,  
Thou shalt dance to the musical clank of the chains,  
A crown of cheap straw shall seem rich to thine eye,  
And peace and good order shall reign in the sty,

Nor boast that no track of the viper is seen,  
To stain thy pure surface of emerald green,  
For the serpent will never want poison to kill,  
While the fat of your fields feeds the worm of the still.

X.

## VERSES ON SIR J. MOORE.

WRITTEN IMMEDIATELY AFTER INTELLIGENCE HAD ARRIVED OF THE COMMENCEMENT OF HIS MARCH FROM LISBON.

UNCHECK'D by regards of duration  
and distance,  
How sweet on the missions of fancy to  
stray!  
To leave the dull confines of local exis-  
tence,  
And wanton, and bask in the glitter of  
day!  
But hence ye pale visions of sickly inven-  
tion,  
A scene not unreal my senses enchains:  
Now Spain, all in arms, rears the flag of  
contention,  
And Europe's last battle is fought on  
her plains,  
In quest of the fight, march her high-soul'd  
defenders,  
Their phalanx how dense, how unshaken  
their tread!  
The foe his vain ensigns of empire surren-  
ders,  
Fear chases his hosts, and his satraps  
are fled;  
The Gaul calls new hordes from the wide  
circling regions,  
Dark clouds of stern menace the pros-  
pect obscure;  
Enraptur'd I mark the advance of the le-  
gious,  
Which Britain, undoubting, confides  
to her Moore.  
Thro' deserts, o'er mountains, 'cross floods  
and morasses,  
The hero explores his inflexible way,  
Slow famine, insidious, strews snares where  
he passes,  
And fronting his progress stands war  
in array.  
Ah! were the fond breathings of friendship  
availing,  
Ripe harvests, lov'd chieftain! should  
start from the sod;  
Wide floods roll confined beneath arches  
unfailing,  
And war, like a slave, be controul'd  
by thy nod.  
Fit theme for bright ode, or grave legend  
preparing,  
Go measure thy worth 'gainst the mi-  
nions of fame;  
Intrepidly cautious, and skilfully daring,  
Change defeat to success, and mould  
triumph from shame;  
Pursue thy high fates, and serenely ambi-  
tious,  
The rank which thy merits award thee  
assume,  
A CHURCHILL, of laurels alone avaricious!  
A NELSON, unstamped by the seal of  
the tomb!